

REMARKS

This communication responds to the Office Action mailed February 23, 2004, in which the Examiner imposed a restriction requirement.

Applicant hereby elects, without traverse, the invention identified by the Examiner as *Group II* (claims 40-45).

However, modification of the restriction requirement is also requested. The reason is that by the above amendments, Applicant has amended claim 28, without narrowing it, by rewriting it in independent form. As amended, its recitations conform generally to the features of the invention of *Group II*. Claims 29, 31, 33, 35 and 38 have been amended for formal reasons, and they and the rest of claims 29-39 depend directly or indirectly from claim 28 and are allowable for the same reasons claim 28 is allowable.

Claims 22, 24-27 and 46-55 have been canceled.

In view of the amendments, reconsideration and modification of the restriction requirement are requested.

It is believed that no additional fees are due in connection with this communication. However, the Office is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 04-1420.

This application now stands in allowable form, and reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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